

Wednesday Weekly

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Keith Eccarius on Temporary Assignment

Keith Eccarius has been asked to take on a special project for six months. Keith is responsible for centralizing the accounting functions for all six student organizations. This will involve streamlining and standardizing processes, putting standard procedures in place across all six organizations, and actually performing the accounting functions for all six organizations. Keith's time will now be split as follows: 50% Business Office working on the special project, and 50% on his other responsibilities, including Ag Ed and FFA.

Supplemental Rosters

Now that the deadline has passed for submitting supplemental rosters, don't forget to send in payment for the members you've added. Rosters cannot be sent to National FFA until payment is received. As a reminder:

- Payment must be made payable to "Wisconsin Association of FFA", not the FFA Center, not DPI, not Keith Eccarius (thanks but no thanks.) I've had problems with our bank when trying to deposit some payments made out incorrectly.
- The mailing address for payment is on the Totals page that needs to be printed, signed and returned with payment.

Mail to: Wisconsin Association of FFA
Attention: Keith Eccarius
125 S. Webster Street
PO Box 7841
Madison, WI 53707-7841

Convention Parking Pass Deadline May 12

The deadline for ordering convention parking passes is this Friday, May 12. Go to the following website to order online: <http://www5.dpi.state.wi.us/FFA/2006Tickets.html>

CowParade, the world's largest public art event, Mooves to Wisconsin This Summer

The schedule is set, the Cowstodians (our traveling caretakers) are hired, public relations pieces are designed. All we need is YOU to be on-site FFA representatives, talking to Fair and Dairy Breakfast attendees about your great FFA experiences. There will also be CowParade memorabilia for your Chapter to sell. As with the Calf Raffle, if a Chapter sells \$100 or more worth of available items, 20% of the sales will be returned to that Chapter. Some FFA advisors already expressed interest; others still can. To confirm your place in the Tour, contact our volunteer coordinator Ashley.Huibregtse@datcp.state.wi.us as soon as possible.

Wisconsin State Fair Camp

Mission Statement

Wisconsin State Fair Camp's mission is to educate urban youth about the importance of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Being held during the fair allows campers to see the diverse aspects of Wisconsin agriculture whether it be food or fiber products, animals or renewable energy. Another important objective of this program is to teach leadership and volunteerism to our current youth leadership programs such as Scouts, 4-H and FFA. A third objective is to educate urban youth about the educational opportunities at the Wisconsin State Fair and the purpose of the Fair as a social, educational and economic venue for all ages. The State Fair Camp is looking for FFA members to participate as counselors for the two days of camp. August 4th and 5th will be the days of the camp. Potential counselors might include: experienced FFA officers, State Officer Candidates, Agricultural Education SAE candidates and FFA members that have an interest in helping teach youth about agriculture. If interested please email or call Jeff Hicken.

Future of Farming Announces Forum Schedule

The Future of Farming and Rural Life in Wisconsin, project of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, is pleased to announce its 2006 Forum Schedule. Attached is the forum schedule.

The forums are free and open to all (participants pay for their lunch) and the broadest possible range of perspectives is invited to inform as well as be informed by the project.

Go to this website to learn more about this event. <http://www.wisconsinacademy.org/idea/index.html>
We are looking for FFA Advisors and FFA members to attend these forums and showcase our FFA Entrepreneurships. FFA Advisors located near one of the forums, if you have an FFA member that would like to showcase their SAE program please let Jeff Hicken know.

Attached you will find the first flyer of the six forums, which will be held Tuesday, May 23 at UW-Stout. Please look it over and go to the website to register.

Indiana University's: Center for the Study of Global Change

International Agricultural Education Summer Institute - July 9-16, 2006

The Center for the Study of Global Change at Indiana University and International Studies Programs at the Universities of Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, with the support of Agriculture Education Specialists from Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, are pleased to announce a residential, one-week Summer Institute on International Agriculture and Global Food Security.

The objective of this program is to introduce critical international agriculture issues to high school agriculture teachers and university Agricultural Education majors. Information is provided on a wide range of global agricultural issues, including best practices for incorporating them into the curriculum, through lectures, panels, small group discussions, videoconferences with presenters around the world, and cultural events. The program addresses such major themes as the state of the world's water supply, the role of food in international security, and the relationship between agriculture and

alternative energies, among others. Dr. James Graham, Professor of Agricultural Education at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, will be the Faculty Leader of IAESI 2006.

The cost of the Institute is \$400, which includes room, board, and program fees. Partial scholarships may be forthcoming - please check the website. Every institute participant will receive certification for Professional Growth Points. Optional graduate credit is available to all participants at "in-state" cost per credit hour - participants may enroll (at the institute) in Education W505 "International Agricultural Education" (1-3 graduate credits).

Visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~global/iaeinstitute.php> for online application and further details.

Web site for Wisconsin Ag Ed vacancies:

<http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/app/employment?COMMAND=gov.wi.state.cpp.job.command.LoadSeekerHome>

2006 American Nursery and Landscape Association Grant Application

NAAE is pleased to announce the continuation of the American Nursery and Landscape Association "Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction" Grant Program.

The objective of this grant program is to build outstanding instructional programs that prepare students to enter nursery and landscape related careers and/or higher education in areas related to nursery/landscape.

NAAE will accept NAAE/ANLA Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant proposals from teachers/instructors at any secondary school and two-year postsecondary institution who are active members or active life members of NAAE.

The postmark deadline for submitting applications to the NAAE office is May 15, 2006.

Application details are attached in Word and PDF formats and can also be downloaded from the NAAE website at <http://www.naae.org/awards/applications/index.html>.

Please feel free to contact the NAAE office if you have any questions.

WAAE PSA Contest Information Available - Entries Due 05/15/06

The WAAE PSA contest information for this year is now available

Your students/chapter can receive \$250 for the winning PSA

Click on the link below for more information

<http://www.waae.com/PSA%20Announcement1.doc>

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners

The Foundation's Scholarship Review Committee met on Tuesday, May 9 and selected 25 FFA members to be awarded scholarships valued at \$16,425. In the past 11 years, the number of applicants has increased by 57% (from 54 to 85). The over-all average of applicants with a 3.5+ GPA is 55%; 3.75+ GPA is 33%; and 4.0+ GPA is 7.

The recipients will receive their official notification and congratulations from The Foundation this week. Scholarship sponsors also will receive a copy of the winners' applications, so that personal good wishes may be extended.

Chapter	Recipient	Scholarship
Belleville	Trent Hendrickson	Rodney O. Kittelsen Endowed Scholarship
Berlin	Laura Bahn	UW-Madison Agriculture & Life Sciences Alumni Association

Bloomer	Aaron Dietsche	Wisconsin FFA Foundation Memorial Scholarship
Bruce	Brian Hoffelt	Bernie and Marty Staller Endowed Scholarship
Cashton	Shannon Muenzenberger	Cooperative Resources International
Clintonville	Sandra Kirchner	Kenneth K. Heideman Endowed Scholarship
Cochrane-Fountain City	Emily Pronschinske	Nelson-Jameson, Inc.
Colby	Ashley Lueddecke	Nelson-Jameson, Inc.
Freedom	Kelly DeCoster	John & Hattie Van Wychen Memorial Scholarship
Kickapoo	Jodi Marshall	Louis M. Sasman Scholarship of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison
Lake Mills	Lindsay Morris	Cooperative Resources International
Lomira	Kayla Buske	M. Gene Pressnall Memorial Scholarship
Loyal	Andrea Bloom	Dr. Virgil & Ann Martinson Endowed Scholarship
Manawa	Katie Bauer	Dan Raymakers Memorial Scholarship
Markesan	Brad Krueger	Dean P. Gagnon Honors Scholarship
Marshfield	Ashley Zahradka	Kenneth K. Heideman Endowed Scholarship
Mayville	Kelly Van Beek	The Wisconsin Idea Fellowship
Oconto Falls	Gary Rieth	Bert & Claude Blain/Blain Supply Co., Farm & Fleet
Pittsville	Paul Lippert	GROWMARK, Inc.
Pittsville	Jordan Wolf	GROWMARK, Inc.
Sauk Prairie	Lindsay Kuzma	Bert & Claude Blain/Blain Supply Co., Farm & Fleet
Sauk Prairie	Justin Frosch	UW-Madison Collegiate FFA & AEE
Shullsburg	Danielle Russell	UW-Madison Collegiate FFA & AEE
Watertown	Mark McFarland	Ivan Kindschi/Pearl Kau Scholarship
Wisconsin Heights	Kyle Van Koningsveld	Arnold & Katherine Cordes Endowed Scholarship

WPA Looking for Volunteers at WI State Fair

The Wisconsin Pork Association is looking for FFA chapters or other service organizations to participate in a shift at the Wisconsin State Fair Pork Schoppe. The Pork Schoppe serves butterfly pork chop sandwiches, pork burgers, and a Pork Chop on a Stick to thousands of state fair attendees daily. The Pork Schoppe runs two shifts daily - AM shift 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and PM shift 3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Each volunteer receives complimentary admission to the Wisconsin State Fair and paid parking. Volunteers will also receive a free hat, t-shirt, sandwich, and soda. Lastly, your group or organization will also receive \$250 for a full shift. If you share a shift with another group, you will receive a prorated amount based on your participation. 15 people are needed for a full shift. Volunteers wait on customers, run cash registers, make sandwiches, and participate in a number of other related activities.

Currently, the following shifts are available: Sun., Aug. 6, AM shift; Tues., Aug. 8, PM shift; Weds., Aug. 9, PM shift; and Sun., Aug. 13, AM shift. Please contact Wisconsin Pork Association at wppa@wppa.org if you would be interested.

Best Food Nation Web Site

Take a look at this great new web site link: www.BestFoodNation.com.

The site offers the facts about the U.S. food supply, which is among the safest, most affordable and most abundant in the world. It's a wonderful site to respond to those "myths" about food production.

The food, hospitality and agriculture industries have joined together to tell the story of the positive impact made by each participant along the food chain and to separate fact from fiction. The American Farm Bureau Federation and 17 other agriculture and food industry groups joined together to form the Best Food Nation Coalition, which developed the new site.

That's all for this week from your DPI Staff:

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